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<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR <b>Yasuyuki HIGASHIURA, et al.</b>	
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AA	<b>6,606,707</b>	<b>08/12/2003</b>	<b>Hirota et al.</b>			
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		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	<u>TRANSLATION</u> YES NO		ABSTRACT
	AG	<b>05-307500</b>	<b>11/19/1993</b>	<b>Japan</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
	AH	<b>09-212406</b>	<b>08/15/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
	AI	<b>2002-24104</b>	<b>01/25/2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
	AJ	<b>2001-14441</b>	<b>01/19/2001</b>	<b>Japan</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
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**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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<b>EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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\*Reference AG (**JP 2001-014441**) corresponds to Reference AA (**US 6,606,707**)

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<b>LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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	BE	<b>Copy of the cover page of Japanese Office Action mailed October 28, 2008 in corresponding Application No. 2002-204106.</b>						<b>X</b>

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